

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, at page 1, line 3, after the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

The present application is a nationalization of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/AU2003/000972, filed July 31, 2003, which claims priority to Russian Application Serial No. 2002120366, filed August 01, 2002.

In the specification, at page 5, lines 15-24, please delete the existing paragraph and replace the deleted paragraph with the following paragraph after making the following changes:

However, no guidance at all was provided as to how any other condition could be treated, how the compounds should be formulated, or by what routes they should be administered. Only ~~intra-peritoneally~~ intra-peritoneal administration was disclosed. In particular, there was no general disclosure or suggestion that any of the compounds disclosed in this specification could have any activity in promoting healing of wounds, burns, skin ulcers or the like, in reducing scar formation, in reducing inflammation, in stimulating repair of bone, or in treating myocardial infarction.

In the specification, after page 100, please start another page (101), and insert the following heading and the following text of the single paragraph Abstract, based upon the two paragraph Abstract in the PCT application as filed:

ABSTRACT

This invention relates to methods of promoting healing and reducing inflammation, and compositions therefor. In particular, the invention relates to the use of 1,3-dialkyl-4,5-bis(N-

methylcarbamoyl)imidazolium salts to promote wound healing and to reduce inflammation. Novel compounds and compositions are also provided. In one preferred embodiment the invention provides a method of treatment of myocardial infarction.